

23. Upon complaint made to any justice of the peace that any person from his disorderly conduct gives disturbance to a neighborhood and is likely to become chargeable to the county, the said justice, if upon hearing the party he shall judge the complaint to be well founded, may commit such disorderly person to the said alms-house for any time not exceeding three months, unless he shall find security in the discretion of the justice in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars for his good behavior during the space of six months.

24. Upon complaint and due proof made by any one trustee, or any overseer, to any justice of the peace that any person in said alms-house hath behaved in a disorderly manner, or hath refused or neglected to perform his daily labor and task, or to obey and observe any of the rules or by-laws of said corporation, the said justice may direct such moderate correction, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes, to be given to such offender as the nature of the case may require.

25. If any person shall sell and dispose of any strong liquor or other thing to any inmate of said alms-house, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five dollars.

26. All the fines and penalties by this law imposed may be recovered before a justice of the peace for said county by suit in the name of the State, or by indictment in the Circuit Court for said county, one-half to the informer and the other half to the use of the alms-house.

27. All sheriffs, bailiffs, constables and other officers shall aid and assist the trustees for the poor, and the officers and servants by them employed, in the discharge of their respective duties.

28. If any person shall be sued or prosecuted for any thing done in pursuance of this law, he may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence, and if, upon trial, verdict shall be found for the defendant, or if the plaintiff be non-suit or discontinue, the defendant shall recover treble costs; and if the plaintiff shall be unable to pay them, they shall be paid by the attorney who brought the suit, unless the plaintiff shall give security for the costs to be approved by the court.